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as we have, and inability on the part of the Department of Public Institutions to come before any committee I know of and present any kind of a plan which indicates what they propose to do in the area of mental health, whether we are talking about inservice training or...or I'm sorry...inservice care or out-patient care once they have gone through the regional center. I have example after example of the lack of supervision of patients once they leave a regional center. Now what you are asking us to do in effect, is to withdraw from this kind of supervision and simply turn this over, as I see it, and I'm all in favor of regionalization, providing you have certain checks and balances. Simply turn this over to those who ineffect have proven that they cannot administer. And I have no proof at the moment that the amendments that have been offered. The bill that has been offered is going to protect the patient who moves from a regional center to some other type of care. And there are far too many of these there are too many rumors that go on constantly about what's going to happen to the Norfolk Regional Center. What's going to happen to some of these other regional centers. If you can prove to me that..that somehow or other, care will be improved. By the withdrawal of my amendments, then I'm perfectly willing to consider it.

SENATOR STAHLER: Sir, if I could just add one word. I really think the big problem in the field of mental health is unlike retardation. You have very active parents who have organized across the state. These people are willing to stand up and admit they have retarded children, and they want something done about it. Unfortunately in mental health, we don't have this citizen input. Mostly, and this is what bothers you and it bothers me. I got teed off more than once. We've got the professionals. They say do this, do that. Give me a buck. Give me a slice of the action. And I don't blame you ticked off. I am too. But because we don't have this citizen input, this is why I still think it is so absolutely necessary to get these county commissioners and the advisory committees out in the region. They don't have complete power, but it will build in more citizen input, and this is the tragic and lacking need in mental health, and until we get it. God know where we are going to, I think we are going to keep floundering and floundering I agree with you there is disarray, because the professionals themselves are all arguing instead of .. are all arguing for the bucks, and the missing link is the people out in the regions. And this is exactly what this bill if it doesn't do anything, it will hopefully it will get the county commissioners and it will get their advisory committees. Not the people who are going to make a buck, but these other elected officials and their advisors saying, ye Gods, what can we do to help mental health in this area. And I think that this by far in the way a crying need in mental health. Ten times more than it was in mental retardation or in special education. WE have all these special interest groups. And I would just hope Sir, that you would trust your own sub-committee that wants to get this citizen input and I think it would be the most healthy thing that could happen in the state of Nebraska, and I would be the last one to try to defend this as a perfect bill, but I think it is a major step forward, and I think it will be a constructive step if we take it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel are you closing.